IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.K.BASHEER

THURSDAY, THE 31ST MAY 2007 / 10TH JYAISHTA 1929

WP(C).No. 11031 of 2007(L)

PETITIONER:

THE POST GRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (PGSA),VAIDYARATHNAM P.S VARIER'S,AYURVEDA COLLEGE KOTTAKKAL,EDARICODE,PIN- 676 501,MALAPPURAM DISTRICT,REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY,E.P.SUJEESH.

BY ADV. SRI.S.JAMES VINCENT

RESPONDENTS:

1. THE STATE OF KERALA REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT,SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM-1.

2. THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,FINANCE (EXPENDITURE),DEPARTMENT -DO-

3. THE UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT,CALICUT UNIVERSITY P.O,REPRESENTED BY THE REGISTRAR.

4. THE DIRECTOR OF AYURVEDA MEDICAL EDUCATION,INDIAN SYSTEM OF MEDICINE,TRIVANDRUM.

5. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,KERALA AYURVEDIC STUDIES AND RESEARCH SOCIETY, KOTTAKAL,MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.

6. THE PRINCIPAL,VPSV AYURVEDA COLLEGE, KOTTAKKAL,EDARICODE P.O,PIN- 676 501.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI.A.J.VARGHESE
SRI.P.C.SASIDHARAN, SC, CALICUT UNIVERSITY.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 31/05/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

A.K.BASHEER, J.

W.P.(C)No.11031 OF 2007

Dated this the 31st day of May, 2007

JUDGMENT

Petitioner is an Association of Post Graduate Students of Vaidyaratnam P.S. Varier's Ayurveda College, Kottakkal. The said aided institution is affiliated to the University of Calicut. The grievance of the petitioner, which represents about 18 Post Graduate students, is that the benefits conferred on similarly placed students in Government colleges are being denied to them. Thought the students in aided colleges were being given stipend earlier, they have been denied it now. The specific case of the petitioner is that its members are also entitled to get stipend as stipulated in Ext.P3.

2. Learned counsel submits that the Post Graduate students in Government colleges are still getting the above benefits while the students in aided colleges are being denied the same. I do not propose to deal with the above contention at this stage in view of the limited prayer made by the learned counsel at the Bar who submits that petitioner will be

satisfied, if an appropriate direction is issued to respondent no.1 to take a decision on Exts.P4 and P5. Learned counsel submits that petitioner has highlighted the relevant aspects in those two representations.

3. In the above facts and circumstances, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent no.1 to consider and pass orders on Exts.P4 and P5 strictly on their merit and in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible, at any rate, within two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment. Needless to mention that an authorised representative of the petitioner Association shall be afforded sufficient opportunity to be heard before any decision is taken in the matter. Petitioner shall produce a copy of the writ petition along with a certified copy of the judgment before respondent no.1 for compliance.

Writ petition is disposed of as above.

A.K.BASHEER, JUDGE

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